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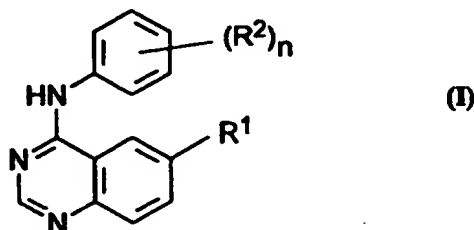
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(57) Abstract

The invention concerns derivatives of the formula (I), wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 and each R² is independently halogeno; and R¹ is amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, (1-4C)alkylamino-(2-4C)alkylamino, di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, pyrrolidin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino, piperidino-(2-4C)alkylamino, morpholino-(2-4C)alkylamino, piperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino or 4-(1-4C)alkylpiperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions containing them, and the use of the receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory properties of the compounds in the treatment of proliferative disease such as cancer.



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QUINAZOLINE DERIVATIVE

The invention relates to quinazoline derivatives, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, which possess anti-proliferative activity such as anti-cancer activity and are accordingly useful in methods of treatment of the human or animal body. The invention also relates to processes for the manufacture of said quinazoline derivatives, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them and to their use in the manufacture of medicaments of use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal such as man.

Many of the current treatment regimes for cell proliferation diseases such as psoriasis and cancer utilise compounds which inhibit DNA synthesis. Such compounds are toxic to cells generally but their toxic effect on rapidly dividing cells such as tumour cells can be beneficial. Alternative approaches to anti-proliferative agents which act by mechanisms other than the inhibition of DNA synthesis have the potential to display enhanced selectivity of action.

In recent years it has been discovered that a cell may become cancerous by virtue of the transformation of a portion of its DNA into an oncogene i.e. a gene which, on activation, leads to the formation of malignant tumour cells (Bradshaw, Mutagenesis, 1986, 1, 91). Several such oncogenes give rise to the production of peptides which are receptors for growth factors. The growth factor receptor complex subsequently leads to an increase in cell proliferation. It is known, for example, that several oncogenes encode tyrosine kinase enzymes and that certain growth factor receptors are also tyrosine kinase enzymes (Yarden et al., Ann. Rev. Biochem., 1988, 57, 443; Larsen et al. Ann. Reports in Med. Chem. 1989, Chpt. 13).

Receptor tyrosine kinases are important in the transmission of biochemical signals which initiate cell replication. They are large enzymes which span the cell membrane and possess an extracellular binding domain for growth factors such as epidermal growth factor (EGF) and an intracellular portion which functions as a kinase to phosphorylate tyrosine amino acids in proteins and hence to influence cell proliferation. Various classes of receptor tyrosine kinases are known (Wilks, Advances in Cancer Research, 1993, 60, 43-73) based on families of growth factors which bind to different receptor tyrosine kinases. The classification includes Class I receptor tyrosine kinases comprising the EGF family of receptor tyrosine kinases such as the EGF, TGF α , NEU, erbB, Xmrk, HER and let23

receptors, Class II receptor tyrosine kinases comprising the insulin family of receptor tyrosine kinases such as the insulin, IGF1 and insulin-related receptor (IRR) receptors and Class III receptor tyrosine kinases comprising the platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) family of receptor tyrosine kinases such as the PDGF α , PDGF β and colony-stimulating factor 1 (CDF1) receptors. It is known that Class I kinases such as the EGF family of receptor tyrosine kinases are frequently present in common human cancers such as breast cancer (Sainsbury *et al.*, *Brit. J. Cancer*, 1988, 58, 458; Guerin *et al.*, *Oncogene Res.*, 1988, 3, 21 and Klijn *et al.*, *Breast Cancer Res. Treat.*, 1994, 29, 73), non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLCs) including adenocarcinomas (Cerny *et al.*, *Brit. J. Cancer*, 1986, 54, 265; Reubi *et al.*, *Int. J. Cancer*, 1990, 45, 269; and Rusch *et al.*, *Cancer Research*, 1993, 53, 2379) and squamous cell cancer of the lung (Hendler *et al.*, *Cancer Cells*, 1989, 7, 347), bladder cancer (Neal *et al.*, *Lancet*, 1985, 366), oesophageal cancer (Mukaida *et al.*, *Cancer*, 1991, 68, 142), gastrointestinal cancer such as colon, rectal or stomach cancer (Bolen *et al.*, *Oncogene Res.*, 1987, 1, 149), cancer of the prostate (Visakorpi *et al.*, *Histochem. J.*, 1992, 24, 481), leukaemia (Konaka *et al.*, *Cell*, 1984, 37, 1035) and ovarian, bronchial or pancreatic cancer (European Patent Specification No. 0400586). As further human tumour tissues are tested for the EGF family of receptor tyrosine kinases it is expected that their widespread prevalence will be established in further cancers such as thyroid and uterine cancer. It is also known that EGF type tyrosine kinase activity is rarely detected in normal cells whereas it is more frequently detectable in malignant cells (Hunter, *Cell*, 1987, 50, 823). It has been shown more recently (W J Gullick, *Brit. Med. Bull.*, 1991, 47, 87) that EGF receptors which possess tyrosine kinase activity are overexpressed in many human cancers such as brain, lung squamous cell, bladder, gastric, breast, head and neck, oesophageal, gynaecological and thyroid tumours.

Accordingly it has been recognised that an inhibitor of receptor tyrosine kinases should be of value as a selective inhibitor of the growth of mammalian cancer cells (Yaish *et al.* *Science*, 1988, 242, 933). Support for this view is provided by the demonstration that erbstatin, an EGF receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor, specifically attenuates the growth in athymic nude mice of a transplanted human mammary carcinoma which expresses EGF receptor tyrosine kinase but is without effect on the growth of another carcinoma which does not express EGF receptor tyrosine kinase (Toi *et al.*, *Eur. J. Cancer Clin. Oncol.*, 1990, 26, 722.) Various derivatives of styrene are also stated to possess tyrosine kinase inhibitory

properties (European Patent Application Nos. 0211363, 0304493 and 0322738) and to be of use as anti-tumour agents. The *in vivo* inhibitory effect of two such styrene derivatives which are EGF receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors has been demonstrated against the growth of human squamous cell carcinoma inoculated into nude mice (Yoneda *et al.*, Cancer Research, 1991, 51, 4430). Various known tyrosine kinase inhibitors are disclosed in a more recent review by T R Burke Jr. (Drugs of the Future, 1992, 17, 119).

It is known from European Patent Applications Nos. 0520722, 0566226 and 0635498 that certain quinazoline derivatives which bear an anilino substituent at the 4-position possess receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity. It is further known from European Patent Application No. 0602851 that certain quinazoline derivatives which bear a heteroaryl amino substituent at the 4-position also possess receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity.

It is further known from International Patent Application WO 92/20642 that certain aryl and heteroaryl compounds inhibit EGF and/or PDGF receptor tyrosine kinase. There is the disclosure of certain quinazoline derivatives therein but no mention is made of 4-anilinoquinazoline derivatives.

The *in vitro* anti-proliferative effect of a 4-anilinoquinazoline derivative has been disclosed by Fry *et al.*, Science, 1994, 265, 1093. It was stated that the compound 4-(3'-bromoanilino)-6,7-dimethoxyquinazoline was a highly potent inhibitor of EGF receptor tyrosine kinase.

The *in vivo* inhibitory effect of a 4,5-dianilinophthalimide derivative which is an inhibitor of the EGF family of receptor tyrosine kinases has been demonstrated against the growth in BALB/c nude mice of a human epidermoid carcinoma A-431 or of a human ovarian carcinoma SKOV-3 (Buchdunger *et al.*, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., 1994, 91, 2334).

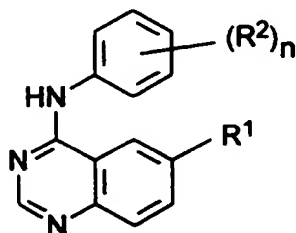
It is further known from European Patent Application No. 0635507 that certain tricyclic compounds which comprise a 5- or 6-membered ring fused to the benzo-ring of a quinazoline possess receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity. It is also known from European Patent Application No. 0635498 that certain quinazoline derivatives which carry an amino group at the 6-position and a halogeno group at the 7-position possess receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity.

Accordingly it has been indicated that Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors will prove to be useful in the treatment of a variety of human cancers.

It is also expected that inhibitors of EGF type receptor tyrosine kinases will be useful in the treatment of other diseases of excessive cellular proliferation such as psoriasis (where TGF α is believed to be the most important growth factor) and benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH).

There is no disclosure in these documents of quinazoline derivatives which bear at the 4-position an anilino substituent and which also bear an aminoalkylamino substituent at the 6-position. We have now found that such compounds possess potent *in vivo* anti-proliferative properties which are believed to arise from their Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity.

According to the present invention there is provided a quinazoline derivative of the formula I



wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 and each R² is independently halogeno;
and R¹ is amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, (1-4C)alkylamino-(2-4C)alkylamino,
di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, pyrrolidin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino,
piperidino-(2-4C)alkylamino, morpholino-(2-4C)alkylamino,
piperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino or 4-(1-4C)alkylpiperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino;
or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

In this specification the term "alkyl" includes both straight and branched chain alkyl groups but references to individual alkyl groups such as "propyl" are specific to the straight chain version only. For example when R¹ is a di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino-(2-4C)alkylamino group, suitable values for this generic radical include 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 2-dimethylaminopropylamino and 1-dimethylaminoprop-2-ylamino. An analogous convention applies to other generic terms.

Within the present invention it is to be understood that, insofar as certain of the compounds of the formula I may exist in optically active or racemic forms by virtue of one or

more substituents containing an asymmetric carbon atom, the invention encompasses any such optically active or racemic form which possesses anti-proliferative activity. The synthesis of optically active forms may be carried out by standard techniques of organic chemistry well known in the art, for example by synthesis from optically active starting materials or by resolution of a racemic form.

The quinazolines of the formula I are unsubstituted at the 2-, 5- and 8-positions.

It is also to be understood that certain quinazoline derivatives of the formula I can exist in solvated as well as unsolvated forms such as, for example, hydrated forms. It is to be understood that the invention encompasses all such solvated forms which possess anti-proliferative activity.

Suitable values for the generic radicals referred to above include those set out below.

A suitable value for R^2 when it is halogeno is, for example fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo.

Suitable values for each R^1 substituent which may be present on the quinazoline ring include, for example:-

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| for amino-(2-4C)alkylamino: | 2-aminoethylamino, 3-aminopropylamino and 4-aminobutylamino; |
| for (1-4C)alkylamino- | |
| (2-4C)alkylamino: | 2-methylaminoethylamino, 2-ethylaminoethylamino, 3-methylaminopropylamino, 3-ethylaminopropylamino, 4-methylaminobutylamino and 4-ethylaminobutylamino; |
| for di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino- | |
| (2-4C)alkylamino: | 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 2-(N-ethyl-N-methylamino)ethylamino, 2-diethylaminoethylamino, 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 3-diethylaminopropylamino and 4-dimethylaminobutylamino; |

- for pyrrolidin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino: 2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylamino,
3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino and
4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)butylamino;
- for piperidino-(2-4C)alkylamino: 2-piperidinoethylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino and
4-piperidinobutylamino;
- for morpholino-(2-4C)alkylamino: 2-morpholinoethylamino, 3-morpholinopropylamino
and 4-morpholinobutylamino;
- for piperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino: 2-(piperazin-1-yl)ethylamino,
3-(piperazin-1-yl)propylamino and
4-(piperazin-1-yl)butylamino;
- for 4-(1-4C)alkylpiperazin-1-yl-
(2-4C)alkylamino: 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethylamino,
2-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)ethylamino.
3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propylamino and
4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)butylamino.

A suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable salt of a quinazoline derivative of the invention is, for example, an acid-addition salt of a quinazoline derivative of the invention which is sufficiently basic, for example, a mono- or di-acid-addition salt with, for example, an inorganic or organic acid, for example hydrochloric, hydrobromic, sulphuric, phosphoric, trifluoroacetic, citric, maleic, tartaric, fumaric, methanesulphonic or 4-toluenesulphonic acid.

Particular novel compounds of the invention include, for example, quinazoline derivatives of the formula I, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein:-

- (a) n is 1 or 2 and each R^2 is independently fluoro, chloro or bromo; and R^1 has any of the meanings defined hereinbefore or in this section relating to particular novel compounds of the invention;
- (b) $(R^2)_n$ is 3'-fluoro, 3'-chloro, 3'-bromo, 2',4'-difluoro, 2',4'-dichloro, 3',4'-difluoro, 3',4'-dichloro, 3'-fluoro-4'-chloro or 3'-chloro-4'-fluoro; and R^1 has any of the meanings defined hereinbefore or in this section relating to particular novel compounds of the invention;
- (c) R^1 is 2-aminoethylamino, 3-aminopropylamino, 2-methylaminoethylamino, 3-methylaminopropylamino, 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 3-dimethylaminopropylamino,

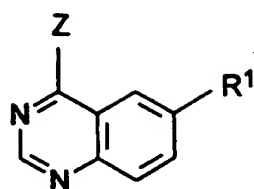
2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylamino, 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino, 2-piperidinoethylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino, 2-morpholinoethylamino, 3-morpholinopropylamino, 2-(piperazin-1-yl)ethylamino, 3-(piperazin-1-yl)propylamino, 2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethylamino or 3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propylamino; and n and R² have any of the meanings defined hereinbefore or in this section relating to particular novel compounds of the invention.

A preferred compound of the invention is a quinazoline derivative of the formula I wherein (R²)_n is 3'-chloro, 3'-bromo, 3',4'-difluoro or 3'-chloro-4'-fluoro; and R¹ is 2-methylaminoethylamino, 3-methylaminopropylamino, 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylamino, 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino, 2-piperidinoethylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino, 2-morpholinoethylamino or 3-morpholinopropylamino; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable acid-addition salt thereof.

A further preferred compound of the invention is a quinazoline derivative of the formula I wherein (R²)_n is 3',4'-difluoro or 3'-chloro-4'-fluoro; and R¹ is 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino or 3-morpholinopropylamino; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable acid-addition salt thereof.

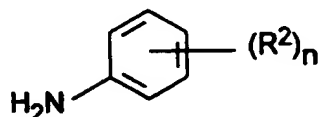
A quinazoline derivative of the invention, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, may be prepared by any process known to be applicable to the preparation of chemically-related compounds. Suitable processes include, for example, those illustrated in European Patent Applications Nos. 0520722, 0566226, 0602851, 0635498 and 0635507. Such processes, when used to prepare a quinazoline derivative of the invention, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, are provided as a further feature of the invention and are illustrated by the following representative Examples. Necessary starting materials may be obtained by standard procedures of organic chemistry. The preparation of such starting materials is described within the accompanying non-limiting Examples. Alternatively necessary starting materials are obtainable by analogous procedures to those illustrated which are within the ordinary skill of an organic chemist.

(a) The reaction, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base, of a quinazoline of the formula II



II

wherein Z is a displaceable group, with an aniline of the formula III



III

A suitable displaceable group Z is, for example, a halogeno, alkoxy, aryloxy or sulphonyloxy group, for example a chloro, bromo, methoxy, phenoxy, methanesulphonyloxy or toluene-4-sulphonyloxy group.

A suitable base is, for example, an organic amine base such as, for example, pyridine, 2,6-lutidine, collidine, 4-dimethylaminopyridine, triethylamine, morpholine, *N*-methylmorpholine or diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, or, for example, an alkali or alkaline earth metal carbonate or hydroxide, for example sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide. Alternatively a suitable base is, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal amide, for example sodium amide or sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide.

The reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example an alkanol or ester such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or ethyl acetate, a halogenated solvent such as methylene chloride, chloroform or carbon tetrachloride, an ether such as tetrahydrofuran or 1,4-dioxan, an aromatic solvent such as toluene, or a dipolar aprotic solvent such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide, *N,N*-dimethylacetamide, *N*-methylpyrrolidin-2-one or dimethylsulphoxide. The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, 10 to 150°C, preferably in the range 20 to 80°C.

The quinazoline derivative of the invention may be obtained from this process in the form of the free base or alternatively it may be obtained in the form of a salt with the acid of the formula H-Z wherein Z has the meaning defined hereinbefore. When it is desired to obtain the free base from the salt, the salt may be treated with a suitable base as defined hereinbefore using a conventional procedure.

(b) For the production of those compounds of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino-substituted (2-4C)alkylamino group, the alkylation, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore, of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino group.

A suitable alkylating agent is, for example, any agent known in the art for the alkylation of amino to amino-substituted alkylamino, for example an amino-substituted alkyl halide, for example an amino-substituted (2-4C)alkyl chloride, bromide or iodide in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore.

The reaction is preferably carried out in a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore and at a temperature in the range, for example, 0 to 150°C, conveniently at or near 90°C.

(c) For the production of these compounds of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino-substituted (2-4C)alkylamino group, the reaction, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore, of a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is a hydroxy-(2-4C)alkylamino group, or a reactive derivative thereof, with an appropriate amine.

A suitable reactive derivative of a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is a hydroxy-(2-4C)alkylamino group is, for example, a halogeno- or sulphonyloxy-(2-4C)alkylamino group such as a bromo- or methanesulphonyloxy-(2-4C)alkylamino group.

The reaction is preferably carried out in a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore and at a temperature in the range, for example, 0 to 150°C, conveniently at or near 70°C.

(d) The reductive amination of an amino-substituted aldehyde with a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is amino.

The reduction may be carried out by any of the many procedures known for such a transformation. For example a hydride reducing agent may be used, for example an alkali metal borohydride or cyanoborohydride such as sodium borohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride, or an alkali metal aluminium hydride such as lithium aluminium hydride. The reduction may be carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example a (1-4C)alcohol such as methanol or ethanol when an alkali metal borohydride or cyanoborohydride is employed, or an inert ether such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran when an alkali metal aluminium hydride is employed.

(e) The reduction of a compound of the formula I wherein R^1 is an amino-substituted alkanoamido group.

The reduction may be carried out by any of the many procedures known for such a transformation. For example a hydride reducing agent may be used, for example an alkali metal aluminium hydride such as lithium aluminium hydride. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example in an inert ether such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran.

The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, -10 to 100°C conveniently at or near 60°C.

When a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt of a quinazoline derivative of the invention is required, for example a mono- or di-acid-addition salt of a quinazoline derivative of the invention, it may be obtained, for example, by reaction of said compound with, for example, a suitable acid using a conventional procedure.

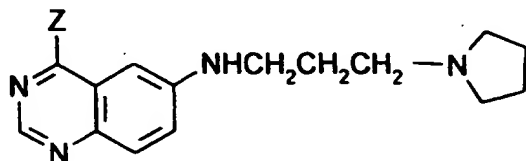
According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided the quinazoline derivative 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-[3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino]-quinazoline;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

It is also to be understood that this quinazoline derivative of the invention can exist in solvated as well as unsolvated forms such as, for example, hydrated forms. It is to be understood that the invention encompasses all such solvated forms which possess anti-proliferative activity.

This quinazoline derivative of the invention, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, may be prepared as follows.

(a) The reaction, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore, of a quinazoline of the formula IV

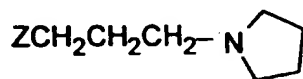


IV

wherein Z is a displaceable group as defined hereinbefore, with 3'-chloro-4'-fluoroaniline.

The reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example an alkanol or ester such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol or ethyl acetate, a halogenated solvent such as methylene chloride, chloroform or carbon tetrachloride, an ether such as tetrahydrofuran or 1,4-dioxan, an aromatic solvent such as toluene, or a dipolar aprotic solvent such as *N,N*-dimethylformamide, *N,N*-dimethylacetamide, *N*-methylpyrrolidin-2-one or dimethylsulphoxide. The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, 10 to 150°C, preferably in the range 20 to 80°C.

(b) The alkylation, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore, of 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-aminoquinazoline with an alkylating agent of the formula V

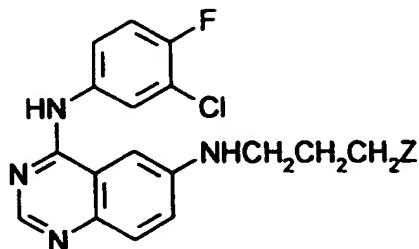


V

wherein Z is a displaceable group as defined hereinbefore.

The reaction is preferably carried out in a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore and at a temperature in the range, for example, 0 to 150°C, conveniently at or near 90°C.

(c) The alkylation, conveniently in the presence of a suitable base as defined hereinbefore, of pyrrolidine with an alkylating agent of the formula VI



VI

wherein Z is a displaceable group as defined hereinbefore.

The reaction is preferably carried out in a suitable inert solvent or diluent as defined hereinbefore and at a temperature in the range, for example, 0 to 150°C, conveniently at or near 70°C.

- (d) The reductive amination of 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propionaldehyde with 6-amino-4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)quinazoline.

The reduction may be carried out by any of the many procedures known for such a transformation. For example a hydride reducing agent may be used, for example an alkali metal borohydride or cyanoborohydride such as sodium borohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride, or an alkali metal aluminium hydride such as lithium aluminium hydride. The reduction may be carried out in the presence of a suitable inert solvent or diluent, for example a (1-4C)alcohol such as methanol or ethanol when an alkali metal borohydride or cyanoborohydride is employed, or an inert ether such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran when an alkali metal aluminium hydride is employed. The reaction is conveniently carried out at a temperature in the range, for example, -10 to 100°C conveniently at or near ambient temperature.

As stated hereinbefore the quinazoline derivatives defined in the present invention possess anti-proliferative activity which is believed to arise from the Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity of the compounds. These properties may be assessed, for example, using one or more of the procedures set out below:-

- (a) An in vitro assay which determines the ability of a test compound to inhibit the enzyme EGF receptor tyrosine kinase. Receptor tyrosine kinase was obtained in partially purified form from A-431 cells (derived from human vulval carcinoma) by the procedures described below which are related to those described by Carpenter *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 1979, 254, 4884, Cohen *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 1982, 257, 1523 and by Braun *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 1984, 259, 2051.

A-431 cells were grown to confluence using Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) containing 5% fetal calf serum (FCS). The obtained cells were homogenised in a hypotonic borate/EDTA buffer at pH 10.1. The homogenate was centrifuged at 400 g for 10 minutes at 0-4°C. The supernatant was centrifuged at 25,000 g for 30 minutes at 0-4°C. The pelleted material was suspended in 30 mM Hepes buffer at pH 7.4 containing 5% glycerol, 4 mM benzamidine and 1% Triton X-100, stirred for 1 hour at 0-4°C, and recentrifuged at 100,000 g for 1 hour at 0-4°C. The supernatant, containing solubilised receptor tyrosine kinase, was stored in liquid nitrogen.

For test purposes 40 µl of the enzyme solution so obtained was added to a mixture of 400 µl of a mixture of 150 mM Hepes buffer at pH 7.4. 500 µM sodium

orthovanadate, 0.1% Triton X-100, 10% glycerol, 200 µl water, 80 µl of 25 mM DTT and 80 µl of a mixture of 12.5 mM manganese chloride, 125 mM magnesium chloride and distilled water. There was thus obtained the test enzyme solution.

Each test compound was dissolved in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) to give a 50 mM solution which was diluted with 40 mM Hepes buffer containing 0.1% Triton X-100, 10% glycerol and 10% DMSO to give a 500 µM solution. Equal volumes of this solution and a solution of epidermal growth factor (EGF; 20 µg/ml) were mixed.

[γ-³²P]ATP (3000 Ci/mM, 250 µCi) was diluted to a volume of 2 ml by the addition of a solution of ATP (100 µM) in distilled water. An equal volume of a 4 mg/ml solution of the peptide Arg-Arg-Leu-Ile-Glu-Asp-Ala-Glu-Tyr-Ala-Ala-Arg-Gly in a mixture of 40 mM Hepes buffer at pH 7.4, 0.1% Triton X-100 and 10% glycerol was added.

The test compound/EGF mixture solution (5 µl) was added to the test enzyme solution (10 µl) and the mixture was incubated at 0-4°C for 30 minutes. The ATP/peptide mixture (10 µl) was added and the mixture was incubated at 25°C for 10 minutes. The phosphorylation reaction was terminated by the addition of 5% trichloroacetic acid (40 µl) and bovine serum albumin (BSA; 1 mg/ml, 5 µl). The mixture was allowed to stand at 4°C for 30 minutes and then centrifuged. An aliquot (40 µl) of the supernatant was placed onto a strip of Whatman p 81 phosphocellulose paper. The strip was washed in 75 mM phosphoric acid (4 x 10 ml) and blotted dry. Radioactivity present in the filter paper was measured using a liquid scintillation counter (Sequence A). The reaction sequence was repeated in the absence of the EGF (Sequence B) and again in the absence of the test compound (Sequence C).

Receptor tyrosine kinase inhibition was calculated as follows:-

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{100 - (A-B)}{C - B} \times 100$$

The extent of inhibition was then determined at a range of concentrations of test compound to give an IC₅₀ value.

(b) An *in vitro* assay which determines the ability of a test compound to inhibit the EGF-stimulated growth of the human naso-pharyngeal cancer cell line KB.

KB cells were seeded into wells at a density of 1×10^4 - 1.5×10^4 cells per well and grown for 24 hours in DMEM supplemented with 5% FCS (charcoal-stripped). Cell growth was determined after incubation for 3 days by the extent of metabolism of MTT tetrazolium dye to furnish a bluish colour. Cell growth was then determined in the presence of EGF (10 ng/ml) or in the presence of EGF (10 ng/ml) and a test compound at a range of concentrations. An IC_{50} value could then be calculated.

(c) An in-vivo assay in a group of athymic nude mice (strain ONU:Alpk) which determines the ability of a test compound (usually administered orally as a ball-milled suspension in 0.5% polysorbate) to inhibit the growth of xenografts of the human vulval epidermoid carcinoma cell line A-431.

A-431 cells were maintained in culture in DMEM supplemented with 5% FCS and 2mM glutamine. Freshly cultured cells were harvested by trypsinization and injected subcutaneously (10 million cells/0.1 ml/mouse) into both flanks of a number of donor nude mice. When sufficient tumour material was available (after approximately 9 to 14 days), fragments of tumour tissue were transplanted in the flanks of recipient nude mice (test day 0). Generally, on the seventh day after transplantation (test day 7) groups of 7 to 10 mice with similar-sized tumours were selected and dosing of the test compound was commenced. Once daily dosing of test compound was continued for a total of 13 days (test days 7 to 19 inclusive). In some studies the dosing of the test compound was continued beyond test day 19, for example to test day 26. In each case, on the following test day the animals were killed and the final tumour volume was calculated from measurements of the length and width of the tumours. Results were calculated as a percentage inhibition of tumour volume relative to untreated controls.

Although the pharmacological properties of the compounds of the formula I vary with structural change as expected, in general activity possessed by compounds of the formula I may be demonstrated at the following concentrations or doses in one or more of the above tests (a), (b) and (c):-

Test (a):- IC_{50} in the range, for example, 0.01-1 μ M;

Test (b):- IC_{50} in the range, for example 0.05-1 μ M;

Test (c):- 20 to 90% inhibition of tumour volume from a daily dose in the range, for example, 12.5 to 200 mg/kg.

The compound of Example 1 of the invention possesses activity at approximately the following concentrations or doses in tests (a), (b) and (c):-

Test (a):- IC_{50} 0.076 μ M;

Test (b):- IC_{50} 0.06 μ M;

Test (c):- greater than 50% inhibition of tumour volume from a daily dose of 50 mg/kg.

According to a further aspect of the invention there is provided a pharmaceutical composition which comprises a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

The composition may be in a form suitable for oral administration, for example as a tablet or capsule, for parenteral injection (including intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravascular or infusion) as a sterile solution, suspension or emulsion, for topical administration as an ointment or cream or for rectal administration as a suppository.

In general the above compositions may be prepared in a conventional manner using conventional excipients.

The quinazoline derivative will normally be administered to a warm-blooded animal at a unit dose within the range 5-10000 mg per square meter body area of the animal, i.e. approximately 0.1-200 mg/kg, and this normally provides a therapeutically-effective dose. A unit dose form such as a tablet or capsule will usually contain, for example 1-250 mg of active ingredient. Preferably a daily dose in the range of 1-100 mg/kg is employed. However the daily dose will necessarily be varied depending upon the host treated, the particular route of administration, and the severity of the illness being treated. Accordingly the optimum dosage may be determined by the practitioner who is treating any particular patient.

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, for use in a method of treatment of the human or animal body by therapy.

We have now found that the compounds of the present invention possess anti-proliferative properties such as anti-cancer properties which are believed to arise from their Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory activity. Accordingly the compounds of the present invention are expected to be useful in the treatment of diseases or medical conditions

mediated alone or in part by Class I receptor tyrosine kinases, i.e. the compounds may be used to produce a Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory effect in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment. Thus the compounds of the present invention provide a method for treating the proliferation of malignant cells characterised by inhibition of Class I receptor tyrosine kinases, i.e. the compounds may be used to produce an anti-proliferative effect mediated alone or in part by the inhibition of Class I receptor tyrosine kinase. Accordingly the compounds of the present invention are expected to be useful in the treatment of psoriasis and/or cancer by providing an anti-proliferative effect, particularly in the treatment of Class I receptor tyrosine kinase sensitive cancers such as cancers of the breast, lung, colon, rectum, stomach, prostate, bladder, pancreas and ovary.

Thus according to this aspect of the invention there is provided the use of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal such as man.

According to a further feature of this aspect of the invention there is provided a method for producing an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal, such as man, in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a quinazoline derivative as defined immediately above.

As stated above the size of the dose required for the therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of a particular proliferative disease will necessarily be varied depending on the host treated, the route of administration and the severity of the illness being treated. A unit dose in the range, for example, 1-200 mg/kg, preferably 1-100 mg/kg is envisaged.

The anti-proliferative treatment defined hereinbefore may be applied as a sole therapy or may involve, in addition to the quinazoline derivative of the invention, one or more other anti-tumour substances, for example those selected from, for example, mitotic inhibitors, for example vinblastine, vindesine and vinorelbine; tubulin disassembly inhibitors such as taxol; alkylating agents, for example cis-platin, carboplatin and cyclophosphamide; antimetabolites, for example 5-fluorouracil, tegafur, methotrexate, cytosine arabinoside and hydroxyurea, or, for example, one of the preferred antimetabolites disclosed in European Patent Application No. 239362 such as N -{5-[N -(3,4-dihydro-2-methyl-4-oxoquinazolin-6-ylmethyl)- N -methylamino]-2-thenoyl}-L-glutamic acid; intercalating antibiotics, for example adriamycin, mitomycin and bleomycin; enzymes, for example

asparaginase; topoisomerase inhibitors, for example etoposide and camptothecin; biological response modifiers, for example interferon; and anti-hormones, for example antioestrogens such as tamoxifen or, for example antiandrogens such as 4'-cyano-3-(4-fluorophenylsulphonyl)-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-propionanilide. Such conjoint treatment may be achieved by way of the simultaneous, sequential or separate dosing of the individual components of the treatment. According to this aspect of the invention there is provided a pharmaceutical product comprising a quinazoline derivative of the formula I as defined hereinbefore and an additional anti-tumour substance as defined hereinbefore for the conjoint treatment of cancer.

As stated above the quinazoline derivative defined in the present invention is an effective anti-cancer agent, which property is believed to arise from its Class I receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitory properties. Such a quinazoline derivative of the invention is expected to possess a wide range of anti-cancer properties as Class I receptor tyrosine kinases have been implicated in many common human cancers such as leukaemia and breast, lung, colon, rectal, stomach, prostate, bladder, pancreas and ovarian cancer. Thus it is expected that a quinazoline derivative of the invention will possess anti-cancer activity against these cancers. It is in addition expected that a quinazoline derivative of the present invention will possess activity against a range of leukaemias, lymphoid malignancies and solid tumours such as carcinomas and sarcomas in tissues such as the liver, kidney, prostate and pancreas.

It is further expected that a quinazoline derivative of the invention will possess activity against other diseases involving excessive cellular proliferation such as psoriasis, benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH) and atherosclerosis.

It is also to be expected that a quinazoline derivative of the invention will be useful in the treatment of additional disorders of cellular growth in which aberrant cell signalling by way of receptor tyrosine kinase enzymes, including as yet unidentified receptor tyrosine kinase enzymes, are involved. Such disorders include for example, inflammation, angiogenesis, vascular restenosis, immunological disorders, pancreatitis, kidney disease and blastocyte maturation and implantation.

The invention will now be illustrated in the following non-limiting Examples in which, unless otherwise stated:-

(i) evaporations were carried out by rotary evaporation in vacuo and work-up procedures were carried out after removal of residual solids such as drying agents by

filtration, unless otherwise stated magnesium sulphate was used as a drying agent for organic solutions;

(ii) operations were carried out at ambient temperature, that is in the range 18-25°C and under an atmosphere of an inert gas such as argon;

(iii) column chromatography (by the flash procedure) and medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) were performed on Merck Kieselgel silica (Art. 9385) or Merck Lichroprep RP-18 (Art. 9303) reversed-phase silica obtained from E. Merck, Darmstadt, Germany;

(iv) yields are given for illustration only and are not necessarily the maximum attainable;

(v) melting points were determined using a Mettler SP62 automatic melting point apparatus, an oil-bath apparatus or a Koffler hot plate apparatus.

(vi) the structure of the compound of the invention was confirmed by nuclear (generally proton) magnetic resonance (NMR) and mass spectral techniques; proton magnetic resonance chemical shift values were measured on the delta scale and peak multiplicities are shown as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet, unless otherwise stated end-products of the invention were dissolved in CD₃SOCD₃ for the determination of NMR values;

(vii) intermediates were not generally fully characterised and purity was assessed by thin layer chromatography (TLC), infra-red (IR) or NMR analysis;

(viii) the following abbreviations have been used:-

DMF N,N-dimethylformamide;

THF tetrahydrofuran;

DMA N,N-dimethylacetamide.

Example 1

A mixture of 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (2.4 g) and water (12 ml) was acidified to pH1 by the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid and the mixture was stirred and heated to 40°C for 90 minutes. The mixture was then reduced in acidity to pH6 by the addition of 1M aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The resultant mixture was added to a mixture of 6-amino-4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)quinazoline (1.64 g) and sodium cyanoborohydride (0.41 g). The mixture was acidified to pH4 by the addition of glacial acetic acid and stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was partitioned between methylene chloride and water. The organic phase was washed with water, dried (MgSO_4) and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using increasingly polar mixtures of methylene chloride and methanol [each mixture also containing 0.1% of a concentrated (30% weight/volume) aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution]. The material so obtained was triturated under diethyl ether. There was thus obtained 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-[3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino]quinazoline (1.1 g, 48%), m.p. 155-157°C;

NMR Spectrum: ($\text{CD}_3\text{SOCD}_3 + \text{CD}_3\text{CO}_2\text{D}$) 1.94-2.22 (m, 6H), 3.22-3.43 (m, 8H), 7.27 (d, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, 1H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.87 (m, 1H), 8.18 (m, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 60.7; H, 5.8; N, 16.7;

$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClFN}_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ requires C, 60.4; H, 6.0; N, 16.8%.

The 6-amino-4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)quinazoline used as a starting material was obtained as follows:-

3'-Chloro-4'-fluoroaniline (3.6 g) was added to a stirred mixture of 4-chloro-6-nitroquinazoline (European Patent Application No. 0566226, Example 8 thereof; 5 g); THF (10 ml) and DMF (10 ml). The resultant mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 5 hours. The precipitate was isolated and partitioned between water and a 9:1 mixture of methylene chloride and methanol. The aqueous phase was neutralised by the addition of a saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution and re-extracted with methylene chloride. The organic phases were combined and evaporated. The residue was triturated under a 9:1 mixture of ethanol and water. The resultant solid was isolated and dried. There was thus obtained 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-nitroquinazoline (2.5 g).

A mixture of a portion (2.3 g) of the material so obtained, 10% palladium-on-carbon catalyst (0.4 g), ethanol (25 ml) and DMF (25 ml) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 2 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was triturated under a 4:1 mixture of ethanol and water. The resultant solid was isolated and dried. There was thus obtained 6-amino-4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)quinazoline (0.35 g, 17%);

NMR Spectrum: 5.6 (broad s, 2H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.41 (t, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H), 7.8 (m, 1H), 8.19 (m, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 9.53 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 58.1; H, 3.6; N, 19.0;

$C_{14}H_{10}ClFN_4$ requires C, 58.2; H, 3.5; N, 19.4%.

The 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propionaldehyde dimethyl acetal used as a starting material was obtained as follows:-

Pyrrolidine (7.8 g) was added to a stirred mixture of 3-bromopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (10 g), potassium carbonate (22.6 g) and toluene (150 ml). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. There was thus obtained 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (8.9 g) which was used without further purification;

NMR Spectrum: 1.65 (m, 6H), 2.40 (m, 6H), 3.2 (s, 6H), 4.4 (t, 1H).

Example 2

Using an analogous procedure to that described in Example 1, 6-amino-4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)quinazoline was reacted with 3-morpholinopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal to give 4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-(3-morpholinopropylamino)quinazoline in 84% yield;

NMR Spectrum: 1.63 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 6H), 3.63 (t, 4H), 6.23 (t, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, 1H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.84 (m, 1H), 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 9.42 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: C, 59.4; H, 5.9; N, 16.0;

$C_{21}H_{23}ClFN_5O \cdot 0.55H_2O$ requires C, 59.2; H, 5.7; N, 16.4%.

The 3-morpholinopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal used as a starting material was obtained by the reaction of morpholine and 3-bromopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal using an analogous procedure to that described in the last portion of Example 1.

Example 3

A 1M solution of lithium aluminium hydride (35 ml) was added to a solution of 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-methylaminoacetamido)quinazoline (3.3 g) in THF (200 ml) and the resultant mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and glacial acetic acid was added to destroy the excess of reducing agent. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was partitioned between methylene chloride and a dilute aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution. The organic phase was dried and evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography using increasingly polar mixtures of methylene chloride, methanol and a dilute (2%) aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution. The material so obtained was triturated under diethyl ether. There was thus obtained 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-methylaminoethylamino)quinazoline (0.61 g), m.p. 146-148°C; NMR Spectrum: 2.5 (s, 3H), 2.85 (t, 2H), 3.3 (t, 2H), 6.15 (t, 1H), 7.2 (d, 1H), 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H), 7.65 (m, 1H), 8.05-8.2 (m, 2H), 8.4 (s, 1H), 9.45 (broad d, 1H); Elemental Analysis: Found C, 59.6; H, 5.3; N, 20.4; $C_{17}H_{17}F_2N_5 \cdot 0.75H_2O$ requires C, 59.6; H, 5.4; N, 20.4%.

The 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-methylaminoacetamido)quinazoline used as a starting material was obtained as follows:-

3',4'-Difluoroaniline (27 g) was added to a stirred mixture of 4-chloro-6-nitroquinazoline (44 g), triethylamine (29.2 ml) and methylene chloride (400 ml) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The precipitate was isolated, washed with methylene chloride and acetone and dried. There was thus obtained 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-nitroquinazoline hydrochloride (61.3 g, 82%).

A mixture of a portion (30 g) of the material so obtained, 10% palladium-on-carbon catalyst (3 g), ethanol (350 ml) and DMA (700 ml) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 9 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated. The residual solid was washed in turn with DMA, with ethanol and with diethyl ether and

dried. There was thus obtained 6-amino-4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)quinazoline hydrochloride (12.8 g, 40%), m.p. 235-238°C;

NMR Spectrum: 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 11.1 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 54.5; H, 3.5; N, 18.1;

$C_{14}H_{10}F_2N_4$ HCl requires C, 54.5; H, 3.6; N, 18.1%.

A concentrated aqueous solution of ammonium hydroxide (50 ml) was added to a stirred suspension of 6-amino-4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)quinazoline hydrochloride (5 g) in water (60 ml) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 40 minutes. The mixture was filtered and the solid so obtained was washed with water and dried. The material so obtained was dissolved in DMA (90 ml), 2-chloroacetyl chloride (1.29 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 hours. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was dried. There was thus obtained 6-(2-chloroacetamido)-4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-quinazoline hydrochloride (5.72 g, 91%). m.p. >250°C;

NMR Spectrum: 4.43 (s, 2H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H), 8.08 (m, 1H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d, 1H), 11.2 (broad s, 1H), 11.6 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 49.4; H, 3.1; N, 14.3;

$C_{16}H_{11}ClF_2N_4O$ HCl requires C, 49.9; H, 3.1; N, 14.5%.

Methylamine (33% solution in ethanol; 50 ml) was added to a stirred mixture of 6-(2-chloroacetamido)-4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)quinazoline hydrochloride (3.3 g) and DMA (200 ml) and the resultant mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 2.5 hours. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was triturated under an aqueous ammonium hydroxide solution. The resultant precipitate was isolated, washed with water and with diethyl ether and dried. There was thus obtained 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-methylaminoacetamido)quinazoline (3.5 g);

NMR Spectrum: 2.4 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 2H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.6 (m, 1H), 7.8 (d, 1H), 8.0-8.15 (m, 2H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.6 (d, 1H), 9.75 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 56.2; H, 4.6; N, 19.1;

$C_{17}H_{15}F_2N_5O$ H₂O requires C, 56.5; H, 4.7; N, 19.4%.

Example 4

Using an analogous procedure to that described in Example 1, 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-morpholinoacetamido)quinazoline was reduced with lithium aluminium hydride to give 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-morpholinoethylamino)quinazoline in 58% yield;

NMR Spectrum: 2.48 (t, 4H), 2.64 (t, 2H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.62 (t, 4H), 6.02 (t, 1H), 7.2 (d, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H), 7.6 (m, 1H), 8.08 (m, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 9.4 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 62.6; H, 5.7; N, 17.7;

$C_{20}H_{21}F_2N_3O \cdot 0.02CH_3CO_2H$ requires C, 62.2; H, 5.5; N, 18.1%.

The 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-morpholinoacetamido)quinazoline used as a starting material was obtained as follows:-

Morpholine (20 g) was added to a stirred solution of 6-(2-chloroacetamido)-4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)quinazoline hydrochloride (1.87 g) in DMA (50 ml) and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 40 hours. The mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography using increasingly polar mixtures of methylene chloride and methanol as eluent. There was thus obtained 4-(3',4'-difluoroanilino)-6-(2-morpholinoacetamido)quinazoline (1.78 g, 92%), m.p. 177-178°C;

NMR Spectrum: 2.55 (m, 4H), 3.21 (s, 1H), 3.68 (t, 4H), 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 8.03 (m, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, 1H), 9.83 (broad s, 1H), 9.98 (broad s, 1H);

Elemental Analysis: Found C, 59.7; H, 4.8; N, 17.0;

$C_{20}H_{19}F_2N_3O_2 \cdot 0.2H_2O$ requires C, 59.6; H, 4.85; N, 17.4%.

Example 5

The following illustrate representative pharmaceutical dosage forms containing the compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof (hereafter compound X), for therapeutic or prophylactic use in humans:

(a)	Tablet I	mg/tablet
	Compound X.....	100
	Lactose Ph.Eur.....	182.75
	Croscarmellose sodium.....	12.0
	Maize starch paste (5% w/v paste)	2.25
	Magnesium stearate	3.0
(b)	Tablet II	mg/tablet
	Compound X.....	50
	Lactose Ph.Eur.....	223.75
	Croscarmellose sodium.....	6.0
	Maize starch.....	15.0
	Polyvinylpyrrolidone	2.25
	Magnesium stearate	3.0
(c)	Tablet III	mg/tablet
	Compound X.....	1.0
	Lactose Ph.Eur.....	93.25
	Croscarmellose sodium.....	4.0
	Maize starch paste (5% w/v paste)	0.75
	Magnesium stearate	1.0
(d)	Capsule	mg/capsule
	Compound X.....	10
	Lactose Ph. Eur.....	488.5
	Magnesium stearate	1.5

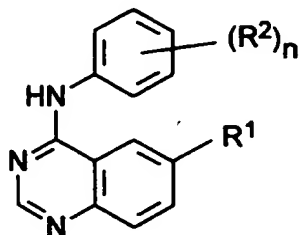
(e)	<u>Injection I</u>	(50 mg/ml)
	Compound X.....	5.0% w/v
	1M Sodium hydroxide solution	15.0% w/v
	0.1M Hydrochloric acid	
	(to adjust pH to 7.6)	
	Polyethylene glycol 400	4.5% w/v
	Water for injection to 100%	
(f)	<u>Injection II</u>	(10 mg/ml)
	Compound X.....	1.0% w/v
	Sodium phosphate BP	3.6% w/v
	0.1M Sodium hydroxide solution	15.0% v/v
	Water for injection to 100%	
(g)	<u>Injection III</u>	(1mg/ml buffered to pH6)
	Compound X.....	0.1% w/v
	Sodium phosphate BP	2.26% w/v
	Citric acid.....	0.38% w/v
	Polyethylene glycol 400	3.5% w/v
	Water for injection to 100%	

Note

The above formulations may be obtained by conventional procedures well known in the pharmaceutical art. The tablets (a)-(c) may be enteric coated by conventional means, for example to provide a coating of cellulose acetate phthalate.

CLAIMS

1. A quinazoline derivative of the formula I



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wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 and each R² is independently halogeno;

and R¹ is amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, (1-4C)alkylamino-(2-4C)alkylamino,

di-[(1-4C)alkyl]amino-(2-4C)alkylamino, pyrrolidin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino,

piperidino-(2-4C)alkylamino, morpholino-(2-4C)alkylamino,

piperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino or 4-(1-4C)alkylpiperazin-1-yl-(2-4C)alkylamino;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

2. A quinazoline derivative of the formula I as claimed in claim 1 wherein (R²)_n is 3'-chloro, 3'-bromo, 3',4'-difluoro or 3'-chloro-4'-fluoro; and

R¹ is 2-methylaminoethylamino, 3-methylaminopropylamino, 2-dimethylaminoethylamino, 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylamino, 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino, 2-piperidinoethylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino, 2-morpholinoethylamino or 3-morpholinopropylamino;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable acid-addition salt thereof.

3. A quinazoline derivative of the formula I as claimed in claim 1

wherein (R²)_n is 3',4'-difluoro or 3'-chloro-4'-fluoro; and

R¹ is 3-dimethylaminopropylamino, 3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino, 3-piperidinopropylamino or 3-morpholinopropylamino;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable acid-addition salt thereof.

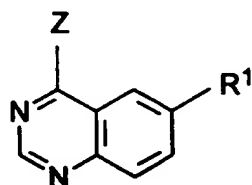
4. The quinazoline derivative of the formula I as claimed in claim 1 being:-

4-(3'-chloro-4'-fluoroanilino)-6-[3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino]quinazoline;

or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

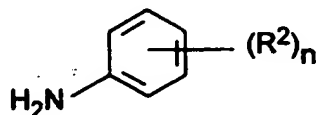
5. A process for the preparation of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 which comprises:-

(a) the reaction of a quinazoline of the formula II



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wherein Z is a displaceable group, with an aniline of the formula III



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- (b) for the production of those compounds of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino-substituted (2-4C)alkylamino group, the alkylation of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino group;
- (c) for the production of these compounds of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino-substituted (2-4C)alkylamino group, the reaction of a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is a hydroxy-(2-4C)alkylamino group, or a reactive derivative thereof, with an appropriate amine;
- (d) the reductive amination of an amino-substituted aldehyde with a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is amino; or
- (e) the reduction of a compound of the formula I wherein R¹ is an amino-substituted alkanoamido group;

and when a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt of a quinazoline derivative of the invention is required it may be obtained by reaction of said compound with a suitable acid using a conventional procedure.

6. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 in association with a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.
7. The use of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal.
8. A method for producing an anti-proliferative effect in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4.
9. A pharmaceutical product comprising a quinazoline derivative of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 and an additional anti-tumour substance for the conjoint treatment of cancer.